

MATTHEW 6:9-15

Often known as The Lord's Prayer. It could perhaps be better known as the 'disciples' prayer. Jesus was teaching them a model of how to pray. Jesus' prayer for His followers is found in John 17.

Matthew 6-----"When" (not 'if')----it is taken for granted that we will give alms, pray, fast.

Matthew 6:5, 6

Private devotions---are they important today?

(Psalm 55:17; Daniel 6:10; Isaiah 1:15)

Place: (Jews): solitary room, upper chamber, mountains, in the court with faces turned toward the holy of holies (Ex: Daniel 6:10)-----do you have a private place?

Posture: (Jews): standing; kneeling or bowing of head (as sign of deeper devotion); hands were always lifted toward heaven or toward the holy of holies (Ex: I Kings 8:22; Nehemiah 8:6; Psalm 28:2)-----does everyone have to assume the same posture as we pray? What about the posture of the heart?

Matthew 6:7, 8

"...vain repetitions..."

(long, formal, rambling prayers; to 'prate tediously')

Is it wrong to pray for something more than once? (Matthew 26:44)

Do prayers have to be long? (I Kings 18:36, 37)

Does God answer every prayer?

Would we often be in trouble if God answered every prayer the way we ask it?

Are there some things we do not need to pray and ask God's will about?

Matthew 6:9

Our Father, which art in heaven...

(Hebrews 4:16)

Six petitions:

Relate to God and His honor:

1. Hallowed be thy name
2. Thy kingdom come
3. Thy will be done...
(Is it hard to pray this---and really mean it?)

Relate to our concerns:

1. Give us...daily bread
We ask for:
 - 1.) Bread
 - 2.) Our bread
 - 3.) Daily bread (Matthew 6:25, 31, 34; Philippians 4:19;
Psalm 37:25; Luke 11:3; I Timothy 6:6-8)
 - 4.) Give us
 - 5.) This dayJohn 6:48 ("I am the bread of life.")
2. Forgive us...as we forgive
As = _____
Matthew 6:14, 15
Matthew 18:35
Ephesians 4:31, 32
3. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
James 1:13, 14
John 17:15

